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The New York Times takes a column and a half to tell of "Mr. Harrison's Service to Reform." It could tell it in a line. Mr. Harrison's service to reform consists in his posing as an Awful Example.

We give space this morning to the able and interesting annual report of Gov. White on the growth, development and resources of Montana. It is a model document of the kind, full, accurate and comprehensive, and every paragraph will be found worth reading.

SILVER bullion is rising in price every day. If the treasury should purchase \$4,000,000 worth of silver for coinage every month it would soon be worth \$2.25 per ounce. Why not buy it Mr. Windom?

It is idle to ask any more questions of Windom. Ask Platt and Elkins and the other Wall street men who put Windom where he is.

The adjournment of the court at Butte, pending the decision on the appeal from Judge DeWolfe's order directing the count of the vote at precinct 31, and the postponement of the conclusion of the count by the state board of canvassers, left the political situation practically unchanged yesterday.

In direct violation of law the Ohio and Virginia republican managers have been sending circulars to clerks in the departments at Washington soliciting campaign contributions, and Civil Service Commissioner Thompson is after them with a sharp stick. The indictment of several of the boodle gatherers will be pressed.

SECRETARY TRACY's estimate of needed expenditures on the naval establishment for 1890-91 shows an increase of about three million dollars over that of the current year, which amounted to \$22,450,000. The increase is chiefly for new work on vessels, and for improvements and additions to navy yards. Twenty-five millions is a great deal of money, but it will be wisely spent if we get a navy in return. It is far better to spend it in that way than to vote it in subsidies to private individuals for establishing steamship lines that do not pay.

REPUBLICAN confidence in carrying Virginia is based on boodle. One of Quay's manipulators very frankly said to the Washington correspondent of the New York Herald the other day: "Take every bet the democrats offer you on Virginia. Mahone is a sure winner. I know what I am talking about. Mahone has all the money he needs. The defection from his ranks will not exceed 2,500, and it may fall below that figure. Mahone will be able to buy, if needed, ten thousand white democratic votes. The votes are for sale. The democrats know this quite as well as Mahone does. They are frightened because they can't get the money to keep their people in line." And if money fails to buy the state, they'll try, as in Montana, to steal it.

THE injury done to Montana's name abroad by the ballot thieves and the illegal acts of the Silver Bow canvassing board is thus stated by the Denver Republican:

Regardless of which party is right, the fact is to be regretted that there is any occasion for a contest in Montana over the election. The new state makes a bad beginning. The contest suggests that there is an element of the population which is not scrupulous in respect to the methods to be employed in a political campaign. From this contest Montana will get a reputation that will be an injury to it for a long time. It will place the state under the ban of suspicion. The people of other states will consider fraud and chicanery as political factors in Montana. To give a state a bad name is to do it a great injury. People in search of new homes prefer a state which has a clean reputation to one that is in any respect whatever of color.

The prompt action of the district court in compelling the canvassers to obey the law will do very much, however, to convince the country that Montana is all right. The Republican should understand that the great body of voters in both parties here stand together in condemning the high-handed crimes against the ballot which have been committed by five or six men for whom neither party has any use. Public sentiment in Montana is all against these men and in due time punishment will overtake them.

ACCOUNTS as to the famine and suffering in North Dakota are conflicting, and the reports that have been sent east by sensation peddlers doubtless have exaggerated the distress, but there is unquestionably need of prompt relief for the new settlers in two or three counties where crops have failed or partially failed for the last three seasons. The

Bismarck Tribune, in explaining that the suffering is not widespread but limited to a few small districts, says:

But the suffering in these communities is just as great, the pangs of hunger just as severe as though the destitution was widespread over the whole state. These people must be assisted, and while it would be possible for the adjoining counties to contribute all that is necessary from their well-filled granaries to alleviate the temporary wants of their distressed neighbors, it is natural that in applying for aid these people should send to the wealth-centers of the older states. And why shouldn't they? Do not those great cities—those magnificent buildings—represent in a large measure the profits accruing to the middle man in handling the products of the farmers of the west? Ought they not then to be the first to respond to the urgent wants of the producing class? These unfortunate people are not leopards; they are honest hard working citizens. They are simply the victims of nature's wrath. Let the good people wherever and in whatever manner they may choose contribute their mite.

By the way, why shouldn't the people of Helena and other prosperous cities of Montana send supplies to these needy people?

The Great Falls Tribune takes time by the forelock and puts in a bid for the location of the new state university at that future metropolis. It says:

Here the climate is healthful and the scenery diversified. The broad Missouri rolls by our doors, the Giant Spring and the cataraacts are near by. Hills and valleys lead on one side to the Belt mountains and on the other to the main range of the Rockies. All these with the mines at Sand Coulee and Neihart will be so many lessons to impart instruction in the wonders and mysteries of nature. The town itself is an ideal home for a university. The society is good; the tone is modern and the associations healthful and moral. We hope this will be like Philadelphia—a great industrial city—but like that metropolis, our people will also foster the literary spirit and take pride in promoting the adjuncts of a university town, such as public libraries and museums.

That's a good bid. Now let's hear arguments in behalf of other wide-awake and progressive towns. Notwithstanding the big land grant we get for university purposes, the new institution will need money badly. What city will raise \$100,000 to give the university a cash endowment? That's the town we want to hear from. Don't all speak at once. Then, too, there are the school of mines and the agricultural college. Let's have offers for these.

CROSS-CUTS.

Henry Villard has founded a German library at Harvard.

The 8,000 saloons of New York city have raised the price of beer from 8 to 10 cents a pint, and there is a great waiting in general.

There is much prejudice in Massachusetts against the Australian ballot law, of which the state is to make so conspicuous a test in November.

The San Francisco Alta says that "with such a lot of infant states eating bread and milk on the steps the capitol will look like a kindergarten next December."

Impassioned youth—Anabella, I love you! Will you be mine? Girl of To-day—Come, come, now; I'll marry you, if you like, but I'm not going to be yours; you've got to be mine, and do as I say, or you can get a divorce for incompetency.—Detroit Advertiser.

Munsey's Weekly: "Is Shaggs an Irishman?"

"Oh, no, indeed. He's a Scotchman through and through."

"He speaks with an Irish brogue."

"Well, that may be due to the fact that he wears a cork leg."

Assistant Postmaster General Clarkson, it is reported in the east, has determined to retire from his official position at an early day and return to journalism. When he was in New York ten days ago he is said to have looked over a newspaper property with the idea of buying it.

The cheerful countenance worn by coal dealers and electric light stockholders during the past few weeks is now explained. They have read the assertion recently made by a scientist, that in 12,000,000 years the sun will entirely cease to give forth light and heat.—Norristown Herald.

"What is a cant hook?" said a teacher in one of our country schools the other day, addressing her pupils in general. There was a long flash of silence, and then a little hand went up in a remote corner of the room. "Well, what is it, Sammy?" "A nuley cow," said Sammy, triumphantly.—Logansport Journal.

When the German emperor reached Hanover lately he saw with pride an arch inscribed: "Welcome to his Imperial Majesty." He was so charmed with the evidence of loyalty that, after passing under the arch, he turned about to admire its beauty again with his majesty of Saxony. But what was his surprise to read on the reverse side the words: "Johann Bach best brewery in the village. Beer, 3 cents a quart." They both laughed at it long and hard.

At the club one evening last week several members were expressing their opinions as to the probable effect of the Australian system of voting. One thought it would help one party and another thought it would have the opposite effect. Another thought it would decrease the total vote, while another expressed the opinion that it would have no appreciable effect in that direction. "I tell you what it is, fellows," said one who had been listening; "you don't know anything about it. When a man is alone with his God and his lead pencil you can't tell what he'll do."

The present serious illness of Hon. Samuel J. Randall recalls to mind a pleasant story. Some time ago, when he was near death's door, some one asked Hon. William R. Morrison of Illinois, if he thought there was a tariff in heaven that would keep Randall out. Morrison and Randall, although

advocates of opposing ideas, are warm friends and admirers of each other's integrity and sincerity. "Oh, no," replied Morrison quickly; "it's the other place that will keep him out, because he wants a tariff on coal, and they are large consumers of it."—St. Louis Republic.

An Englishman no doubt notices here an absence of deference and of formal attention, says Edwin Arnold in his notes on America, but he also notices the presence of a nearly universal and most manly and frank comradeship, the blossom, perhaps, of a wider and healthier air. I am far from saying this to flatter America. The impetuosity of such an intention would be rebuked by its absurdity. I would be like the little girl who was taken by Sydney Smith to see the turtles at Birch's, in Cornhill, and when she stroked the largest among the collection, her uncle inquired: "Why do you do that, my dear?" "I do it to please the turtle, uncle." "My child," replied the Canon, "you might as well stroke the dome of St. Paul's to please the Dean and the Chapter."

WINDOM'S NEW DEPARTURE.

Instead of the Debt Statement an Asset and Liability Showing.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 1.—In lieu of the old public debt statement the treasury department issues a statement showing the "assets and liabilities of the treasury from the latest returns received at the assistant treasury, mint and assay offices, and national bank depositories." Its recapitulation shows assets, \$708,650,497.42; liabilities, \$640,422,104.65; balance, \$68,228,392.77. In the column of assets is included \$22,892,640.37 not available, being minor coin in the mints for recoinage and fractional silver coin. The other items in the assets column are gold and silver coin and bullion, United States notes, trade dollars, bullion, national bank notes, deposits in national bank depositories, fractional currency redeemed, interest checks and coupons paid, national bank notes and the proceeds of redemption and interest on District of Columbia bonds paid. The deposits in national bank depositories are given at \$47,385,479.

The liabilities column includes gold certificates, silver certificates, certificates of deposit, interest due and unpaid, which is given at \$1,574,082.57; accrued interest, \$1,285,753.83 on national debt, \$1,285,753.83; interest on national debt, \$1,285,753.83; debt bearing no interest, \$188,123; interest on Pacific railroad bonds due and unpaid, \$896,586; accrued interest on Pacific bonds, \$1,229,475.25; reserve for redemption of United States notes, \$100,000,000; fund for the redemption of notes of national banks failed, in liquidation or reducing circulation \$71,816,079.75; fund for the redemption of national bank notes, post office account, disbursing officers' balances, undistributed assets, failed national banks, currency and minor coin, redemption on account of fractional silver coin, redemption on account redemption and exchange account, treasurers' transfer checks and debts outstanding, treasurers' account for paying interest on District of Columbia bonds. The table of balances is given as follows: Net gold, \$187,572,182.21; net silver, \$11,054,210.60; net United States notes, \$17,363,300.00; trade dollars and bullion, \$6,081,537.70; national bank notes, \$148,467; deposits in national bank depositories, \$47,385,479.07. Total, \$289,567,581.19.

A reduction in the debt of \$9,104,853 during the month of October is shown. There is a surplus in the treasury to-day is \$45,355,762, or one million less than a month ago.

SPARKS FROM THE WIRES.

Bradlaugh has suffered a relapse.

A telegram from Guatemala says the revolution is ended. The government triumphed and all the revolutionists taken prisoners were shot.

It is understood the contract for one of the new 2,000-ton cruisers has been secured by Harrison Loring, of South Boston, the Quinard Iron company, of New York, which bid the same, withdrawing.

The will of Henry J. Steers, who died recently at Providence, R. I., gives away directly and indirectly a trust sum to the sum of \$25,000. The amount given charitable organizations, etc., is \$340,000.

Judge Campbell, of El Paso, Colo., yesterday heard the habeas corpus proceedings in the case of C. W. Hatch, of Boston, who is charged with the murder of his uncle. The prisoner was admitted to bail in the sum of \$25,000. The amount given charitable organizations, etc., is \$340,000.

Before sailing from Liverpool for New York yesterday, Hon John L. Pillsbury, with Senator Washburn, attended to the signing of papers which involve an agreement for the partial transfer of the Pillsbury and Washburn plants at Minneapolis to English stockholders. The consideration is variously estimated at from \$10,000,000 to \$12,000,000.

Where the Brave Fell.

FORT CUSTER, MONT., Nov. 1.—[Special.]—Gen. Brisban is having the exact spot on which each of Custer's men fell, marked with a stake driven deeply into the ground. Yesterday in setting the stakes the men came upon the skeletons of four of Custer's soldiers who had never been buried. Scout Campbell first discovered them. To-day four officers were sent up with orders to decently bury the men on the exact spot where they fell and mark their graves. Captain French's company, now at Custer's battle field, erecting tombstones over the men massacred at Fort Phil Kearney in 1867, will bury the Custer men with the honors of war, thus giving them decent interment at last, after their ten years.

Lost in the Arctic.

NEW BEDFORD, Mass., Nov. 1.—A private dispatch from San Francisco reports the loss in the Arctic ocean of the whaling steamer Lucretia, of this port. No particulars are given. The Lucretia is owned by Capt. Lewis and others of this city and was valued with her outfit at \$40,000.

Run Into by a Freight.

DENVER, Nov. 1.—Word reached here this evening that the south-bound passenger on the Fort Worth road while snow-bound near Easton, sixty-five miles south, was run into by a freight and Fireman Flannigan, Engineer Hickley and a passenger from Illinois killed.

More Indictments in the West Case.
CHICAGO, Nov. 1.—The jury returned three additional indictments in the Times case this morning, two against West and one against Graham, for the over issue of \$100,000 stock.

Sold Their Railroad Bonds.

BOSTON, Nov. 1.—The Harvard trustees have settled their Atchison problem by selling their bonds in a block, some \$400,000 to \$500,000. The terms are not known, but are believed to be at a small loss.

SEA COAST DEFENSES.

Gen. Howard's Recommendation—A Russian's Great Invention.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 1.—The report of Gen. O. O. Howard, commanding the division of the Atlantic, to the adjutant general for the year ended Sept. 30, calls attention to the lack of armament of nearly all sea coast stations. "Our needs in this direction," he says, "have been so often and recently reported on by my predecessors that I deem it useless to more than call attention to the subject again. The time will undoubtedly come when some positive action in the matter of permanent defense is demanded." In this connection the subject of high explosives is discussed. He calls attention to "mercuric iodine," an invention of Yound, a Russian, formerly the botanist of a Point Barrow expedition, which is safe, and the best explosive the general knows. With such a powerful agent the problem of coast defense is resolved almost into one of range, and our great seaboard cities can be made comparatively safe without excessive expenditure.

Those Assessment Circulars.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 1.—The question of the prosecution of persons connected with sending circulars requesting political contributions to officials of the departments at Washington was again under consideration by the civil service commission to-day. The commission is waiting for further evidence.

THE MARKETS.

STOCKS.

NEW YORK, Nov. 1.—Bar silver 91 1/2. Copper—Firm, lake Nov., \$11.

Lead—Dull, steady; domestic, \$3.82 1/2.

In the stock market to-day trusts were again the all absorbing feature and cotton oil in particular attracted interest which threw other stocks and especially railroad shares into the shade. Out of a total of 371,496 shares of stock traded in, the railroad department furnished 285,398. Railroad stocks, so long as they were left to their natural bent advanced slowly, though the gains are generally confined to fractions. The close was fairly heavy to weak at about the lowest price of the day. Governments dull and steady.

Petroleum opened at 100 1/2; highest, 100 1/2; lowest, 100; closing, 105 1/2. Money on call, tight, 60/62. Prime mercantile paper, 5/4 1/2. Sterling exchange, quiet. Heavy; sixty-day bills, \$4.81; demand, \$4.85. Government bonds, 4s, 125 1/4; 10s, 105; Northern Pacific, 113 1/2; preferred, 72 1/2; Oregon Improvement, 55; Oregon Navigation, 100 1/2; Transcontinental, 33 1/2; Union Pacific, 65.

CHICAGO PRODUCE.

CHICAGO, Nov. 1, 1:15 p. m.—Close—Wheat—lower, Nov., 79; Dec., 80 1/2; May, 83 1/2. Corn—Lower, Nov., 23 1/2; Dec., 23 1/2; May, 23 1/2. Oats—Lower, Nov., 18 1/2; Dec., 18 1/2; May, 21 1/2. Pork—Steady, Nov., \$9.40; Jan., \$9.25. Lard—Steady, Nov., \$5.50; Jan., \$5.50; \$5.87 1/2.

CHICAGO CATTLE.

CHICAGO, Nov. 1.—Cattle—Receipts, 9,000; generally dull and lower; choice to extra beefs, \$4.00; 4.05; steers, \$2.80; 4.50; stockers and feeders, \$1.50; 2.50; Texas cattle, \$1.50; 2.50; western ranges, \$2.00; 3.00. Hogs—Receipts, 22,000; strong, 5c. higher; mixed, \$3.75; 4.00; heavy, \$3.70; 4.00; light, \$3.40 to 4.15.

WOOL.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 1.—Wool in improved demand at inside quotations. Montana, 15c; 25c; territorial, 15c; 22c.

BOSTON, Nov. 1.—Wool in good demand. Territory wools are quiet with sales, fine, 90c; secured, 65c; medium, 55c; and medium, 50c; 54c; Oregon wool sold 16c; 21c, the latter for No. 1 Eastern. Some small lots of fall secured California sold at about 40c; Texas wool dull and Australian wool quiet.

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